



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY
ONE GATEWAY PLAZA 3RD FLOOR, METRO BOARDROOM
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://coc.lacounty.gov>**



**Tuesday, May 21, 2019
9:00 AM**

Attachment: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chair Patti Giggans, James P. Harris, Vice-Chair Priscilla Ocen, Lael Rubin, Xavier Thompson, Hernan Vera, and Brian K. Williams

Absent: Robert Bonner, Sean Kennedy and Casimiro Tolentino

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patti Giggans at 9:06 a.m.

Chair Giggans welcomed members of the Commission, as well as Inspector General Max Huntsman. Prior to the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Giggans requested a moment of meditation.

- Approval of April 23, 2019 meeting minutes.

On motion of Commissioner Rubin, seconded by Commissioner Harris, there being no objection, the April 23, 2019, meeting minutes were approved.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Opportunity for members of the public to address the Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) on items of interest which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the COC.

There were 9 members of the public who addressed the Commission.

3. UPDATE, DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Office of Inspector General (OIG)'s Report-Back on Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Internal Administrative Investigations and Dispositions of Disciplinary Actions

Chair Giggans introduced Inspector General Max Huntsman who highlighted OIG's major concerns regarding LASD's inactivation of Internal Administrative

Investigation cases. Mr. Huntsman introduced Deputy Inspector General Bitia Shasty who gave an overview of LASD policies and procedures regarding the inactivation of administrative investigations. Ms. Shasty stated that the general directive from the LASD Manual of Policy and Procedures regarding inactivation of cases is that administrative investigations should be completed and sent to the concerned division for review and disposition. Ms. Shasty highlighted instances in which inactivating an investigation would be deemed appropriate.

Ms. Shasty also discussed requirements for inactivating an investigation:

1. Approval of Division Chief or Division Director
2. A request to inactivate must be in the form of a memo from a Division Chief or Division Director to the Captain of Internal Affairs Bureau, detailing the reasons for the inactivation.

Ms. Shasty explained that a number of cases reviewed did not contain a detailed explanation for their inactivation and that inactivation of some investigations did not allow for progressive disciplinary action.

Following Ms. Shasty's presentation, Chair Giggans introduced LASD Chief of Professional Standards Division, Chief Burson. Chair Giggans asked Chief Burson if there was an oral or written directive instructing LASD chiefs to review active administrative investigations, if so, who distributed the directive.

Chief Burson stated that he was not aware of the directive. Undersheriff Murakami stated that there was a verbal directive requesting that chiefs review cases and identify anything that may be deemed questionable.

Following the discussion, Chair Giggans requested that COC staff draft a letter to the Sheriff requesting that the appropriate LASD staff attend June's COC meeting to provide their expertise regarding the inactivation of cases.

Commissioner Harris requested that a redacted version of the memos regarding each inactivated case listed in OIG's report be requested in the correspondence to the Sheriff.

There were 4 members of the public who addressed the Commission.

b. MET Program Update

Chair Giggans introduced Lt. John Gannon who along with his staff gave a brief overview regarding the Mental Evaluation Teams (MET), including trends and analysis of MET calls for service. LASD MET staff also provided a description of the Risk Assessment and Management Program (RAMP), as well as the Veterans Programs.

Following LASD's presentation, Chair Giggans introduced Charles Lennon from the Department of Mental Health (DMH). Mr. Lennon outlined the Mental Health Crisis Hot line as an alternative for individuals who do not want LASD involved in a mental health crisis, as well as other resources provided by DMH.

There were 2 members of the public who addressed the Commission.

The meeting recessed at 11:31 AM.

c. Immigration Ad Hoc Committee Report

Open session reconvened at 11:57 AM. Present were Chair Giggans, Vice-Chair Ocen, James P. Harris, Lael Rubin, Xavier Thompson, Hernan Vera, and Brian K. Williams.

Chair Giggans introduced the chair of the Immigration Ad Hoc Committee, Commissioner Vera.

Commissioner Vera highlighted additional background regarding community impact and public safety concerns that attributed to the report's recommendations. Commissioner Vera reported a summary of several statistics regarding the reporting of sexual assault and domestic violence among Latinos in various cities in the nation.

Due to time constraints, Chair Giggans decreased public comment to 1 ½ minutes per person. There were 22 members of the public who addressed the Commission.

Following public comment, Chair Giggans addressed the Commission and opened the floor for Commissioner comments.

Following the discussion, on motion of Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Vice-Chair Ocen, with one abstention from Commissioner Rubin, the proposed recommendations of the Immigration Report were adopted.

Commissioner Bonner, in Absentia, requested that the following statement be entered into the record:

"I regret that I was called out of town and could not attend this meeting of the Commission in person. Unless recommendations 1, 9 and 10 have been changed or deleted, I would be compelled to vote against the report and recommendations as the effect of implementing these recommendations will be to release individuals, not legally entitled to be in the United States, and who have been convicted of violent and serious crimes back into the community. Doing this will have a negative impact on public safety. For this reason, and for the reasons given in my written submission to the

Commission, if present, I would vote no.”

[SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS](#)

4. COMMISSION UPDATES

Due to time constraints, item 4 was not discussed.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

Adjournment.

Chair Giggans adjourned the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission meeting at 1:00 PM. The next COC meeting will be held on June 25, 2019, in the Metropolitan Transit Authority Boardroom.